

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Field of the Invention

On page 1, before line 5, please insert the following.

Background of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13 through line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Among the existing systems of conveying powder the Venturi-effect injectors can be mentioned. These injectors suck back the powder thanks to a jet of compressed air that is made to pass through a special convergent/divergent tube, and launch it along a conveyor tube using the same compressed air, often with the addition of supplementary conveying air. However, these systems present some problems, for example the consumption or the obstruction of the Venturi tubes, the inconstancy of the flow during prolonged use and the need for considerable maintenance. In addition the Venturi injectors require a high quantity of conveying air that then has to be discharged at the

destination of the product in powder; this results in not being very convenient in various applications.

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Summary of the Invention

On page 4, before line 4, please insert the following.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 through line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph.

To clarify the explanation of the innovative principles of the present invention and its advantages in comparison to the known technique, herein below is described, with the help of enclosed drawings, the example of a possible embodiment applying such principles. In the drawings:

- Figure 1 represents a view in section of a device in accordance with the invention,
and
- Figure 2 represents a view in section of a detail of the apparatus of Figure 1.

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Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments